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Art Unit 1632

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/843,922; Filed: April 30, 2001
For: **Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for Nerve Cell**
Inventors: Fukumura *et al.*
Our Ref: 2144.0270001/RWE/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the appropriate fee;
3. Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c);
4. A listing of the 22 cited documents on Form PTO-1449;
5. Copies of the cited documents (AT1-AT8); and
6. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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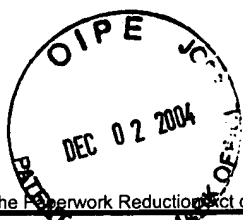
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Examiner Name Kelly, Robert M.
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1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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**Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 30, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned application. A copy of each document is provided.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates

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In accordance with the Federal Circuit decision in *Dayco Prods., Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.* 329 F.3d 1358 (Fed. Cir. 2003), Applicants submit herewith Office Actions from related co-pending applications as Documents AT1-AT8. The identification of these Office Actions is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those Office Actions, nor as to the applications in which those Office Actions have been issued, now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited Office Actions and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, or Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. Attached is our PTO-2038

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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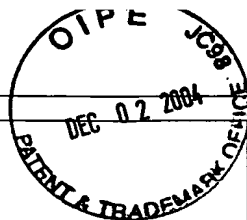
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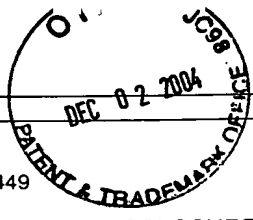
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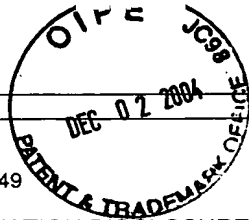
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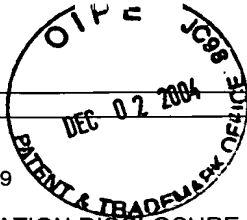
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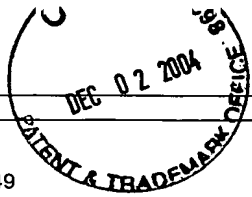
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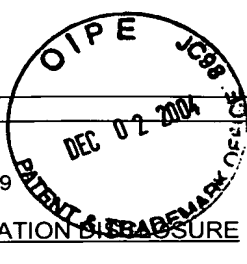
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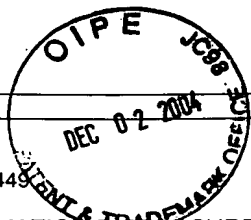
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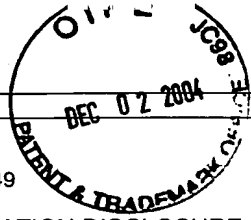
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